

1416 Ninth Street, Suite 1155 Sacramento, California 95814 (916) 657-2666 FAX (916) 654-9780

April 16, 1998

Mr. Spreck Rosenkrans Environmental Defense Fund Rockridge Market Hall 5655 College Avenue Oakland, CA 94618

Dear Mr. Rosenkrans:

Thank you for your December 2, 1997 letter, suggesting that CALFED conduct a series of system sensitivity analyses. I apologize for the delay in formally answering your letter. As you are aware from discussions with Gary Bardini of my staff and your participation in our January 22, 1998 workshop, we have done our best to implement your suggestions.

You made two specific requests that would require a total of three DWRSIM runs. We have completed and posted the results of your Request 1. However, we have found it difficult to implement Request 2, because significant alterations of the DWRSIM code would be required to treat ERPP flow targets as instream flow requirements. We may need to work with you to explore alternative ways to estimate the impact of translating ERPP flow targets into flow requirements.

It is our intent to assure that the sensitivity analyses are well balanced and explore the potential impacts and benefits of a wide range of potential operational criteria. Please feel free to write again or call me at (916) 653-2986 or call Gary Bardini at (916) 653-3051.

Sincerely,

Mark W. Cowin

Assistant Director Technical Services

Julu lin